GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
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CHALLENGE TO HANDLOOM SECTOR FROM POWERLOOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Handloom Industry is facing serious challenges from powerloom sector:

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to assist the Handloom Industry;

(c) whether the Government have received any representation from the Handloom weavers of Rajasthan about the problems/challenges faced by them;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI DHANANJAY KUMAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The steps taken by the Government to assist the Handloom Industry are as under:-

- Training to handloom weavers to upgrade their skills to find alternate employment in the textile or other allied sector;
- Comprehensive welfare measures will continue to be implemented for better working environment and social security of the weavers;
- Effective support systems in R&D, design input, skill up-gradation and market linkages;
- Implement the Hank Yarn Obligation Orders
- Implement the Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985 and
- Revamp of Weavers Service Centres in consonance with contemporary trends, and using information technology and their activities suitably dovetailed with activities of NIFT and NID.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.